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TO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS (FOR AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN FROM IO-LEWIS)

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PART OF CAP LINE OMITTED)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:ILO, AORG

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SPECIAL ENVOY

REF; BELGRADE 940, STATE 32251

1. I'M SURE YOU MAY FEEL BY THIS TIME THAT THE REPORTS  
OF YOUR CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN FALLING INTO A VOID BACK  
HERE. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE CASE. WE HAVE  
BEEN PONDERING THEM CAREFULLY AND ARE NATURALLY ANXIOUS  
TO HAVE A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE PROSPECTS WITH YOU BE-  
FORE THE GOVERNING BODY FORMALLY CONVENES. FEBRUARY 25-26  
WILL BE FINE HERE AND WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO THE SESSIONS.

2. SISCO AND I HAD FRANK AND VERY USEFUL SESSIONS WITH  
BLANCHARD. I'M SENDING YOU SEPARATELY A DETAILED REPORT  
OF MY MEETING. AS YOU HAVE NOW SEEN FROM MOYNIHAN'S  
MESSAGE (EXDIS USUN 507), BLANCHARD IS UNDER NO ILLUSION  
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ABOUT OUR POSITION. HE HAS SOME USEFUL IDEAS TO OFFER

ABOUT TACTICS. FOR WHATEVER REASON, HE SEEMS MOTIVATED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AT THIS POINT, AND I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF YOU WERE TO RETURN FROM YOUR LAST MEETING IN OTTAWA TO BELGRADE VIA GENEVA, SO AS TO WORK ON HIM A BIT PERSONALLY.

3. OUR STRATEGY FOR FUTURE ROUNDS OF CONSULTATIONS AFTER THE GOVERNING BODY MEETING WILL BE NATURALLY ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS WE NEED TO TALK OVER WITH YOU HERE ON THE 25TH/26TH. YOUR MEETING SUBSEQUENTLY WITH BLANCHARD COULD ALSO ADD USEFUL ELEMENTS. IT NOW LOOKS AS IF NED PERSONS WILL RELINQUISH HIS ROLE ON THE DELEGATION NEXT WEEK, TO BE REPLACED BY DAN HOROWITZ. I'M ASKING DAN TO COME BACK FROM GENEVA TO JOIN US ON THE 25TH IN THE SESSIONS SO THAT WE CAN GET AS MANY OF THE ACTORS IN ONE ROOM AT ONE TIME AS POSSIBLE.

4. I'VE LOOKED PRELIMINARILY INTO THE MATTER YOU RAISED IN THE NODIS MESSAGE FROM OSLO. SO FAR, I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING WHICH WOULD SUBSTANTIATE YOUR SUSPICIONS, BUT WE NEED TO DISCUSS FURTHER WHILE YOU'RE HERE.

5. OBVIOUSLY OUR EUROPEAN DUCKS ARE FAR FROM BEING IN A ROW. BUT AFTER ALL, THE BALL HAS JUST BEEN PUT INTO PLAY.

6. YOU MAY FIND THINGS IN SOMETHING OF A POLITICAL UP-ROAR IN TOKYO AS A RESULT OF THE LOCKHEED REVELATIONS. JIM HODSON CAN UNDOUBTEDLY HELP STEER YOU THROUGH SOME OF THE TRICKY SHOALS.

7. GOOD HUNTING; KISSINGER

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